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MIDWOOD ARGUS

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Choruses Plan Holiday Concert

By LAURIE SALEN

Midwood's music department will present its traditional Christmas Concert December 22 and 23. This gala has been acknowleged as our "Homecoming Concert" as it is customary for the alumni to return to Midwood for the performance.

Boys' Chorus, under the direction of Mr. Seiden, will sing the "Tonight Ensemble" from "West Side Story", "Belly up to the Bar, Boys", and "Little Drummer Boy."

Girls' Chorus, directed by Mr. Gottlieb, will sing "By the Bend of the River" and "Father William". Eileen Weinberg will then sing the solo in "Panis Angelicus". They will be accompanied on the piano by Robin Weiss.

Mixed Chorus will sing its traditional "White Christmas" and "Ride the Chariot".

A portion of the music department presented "An Evening of Music and Musical Comedy" December 11. The orchestra, conducted by Mr. Chancy, performed Adam's "Gizelle Ballet" and the "Egmont Overture" by Beethoven. The band led by Mr. Rosenberg played selections from "The King and I." Geri Koch conducted them in "Stars and Stripes Forever" and they played "La Sorella" with Leila Nussbaum conducting.

The Madrigal Group, from Mixed Chorus, performed under David Ludwig's direction. They sang Thomas Morley's "Sing We and Chant It" and "April is in my Mistress' Face". The Boys' Chorus Small Group and trumpeteers Hank Flacks, Joel Kirschner, and Steve Wolf added to the enjoyment of the musicale.

The highlight of the evening was the performance of "The Fantasticks", a musical comedy, by a group of Midwood students. Neil Rosenshein and Ed Cortez, the co-directors, played the boy and the villain respectively. Judy Albert portrayed the girl, and Marv Korot and Bob Bruckner, the two fathers. Glenn Root accompanied them on the piano.

HORNETS CAPTURE CITY TITLE

By BOB HIMMELSTEIN

In a spectacular show of their defensive prowess, the Midwood High School Blue Hornets finished their second straight undefeated season by beating Erasmus Hall High School 36-0. The last game typified the season's attack, showing a tremendous offense and an invincible defense. Thus for the second straight year, the Middies brought back the coveted City Championship to a thrilled and jubilant student body.

1964 City Champs

The Erasmus game featured the powerhouse backfield of Brent Kaufman, Marc Kahn, Mike Ventura, Dennis Beckman and Larry Getto. Marc Kahn opened up the scoring barrage with a four yard run. This was followed by a very exciting 53 yard run by Brent Kaufman. Dennis Beckman added the P.A.T. conversion. Halfback Bobby Martin followed up with a 4 yard scoring run and Larry Getto threw a scoring strike to Bruce Ruppert for the two point conversion. The next score came when Midwood blocked an Erasmus punt and tackle John Heggenbart recovered it in the end zone for a touchdown. Marc Kahn then added the P.A.T. Brent Kaufman finished off the Hornet scoring with a 7 yard run. The defensive show put on by the Hornets has been unparalleled. The alert Middie rush and constant pressure caused Erasmus to fumble away the ball and held the Erasmus offense in check throughout the whole game.

This year's team effort has truly been a great one. The Hornets have certainly lived up to their new nickname by constantly harassing their opponents' offense. The really big factor has been the tremendous determination of the Middie line. Great credit must be given to the Middie defensive and offensive tackles who have deterred the opponents' running plays and have opened wide holes for the offense to pour through. The tackles are John Heggenbart and Billy Faronjy on defense and John Heggenbart and Pete Blaufarb on offense, (Blaufarb also playing defensive end). For his tremendous playing, Billy Faronjy was voted the most valuable player of the Erasmus game. In this reporter's opinion, no tackle is more deserving of All City Honors than John Heggenbart. At the guard positions, we have the perennial Mike Bloom and the hard hitting veteran Al Weiner. Both have contributed great blocks, enabling the backfield to make many fine runs. On defense, Weiner and Bloom perform at the line-backing positions. Center Spoonemore has proved himself to be an excellent center doing equally well at his linebacking spot.

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BERNSTEIN, FALK, LEVINE RUN FOR MAYORS OFFICE

The semi-annual elections for major city and term offices took place Thursday, Dec. 17. This occurred after two days of assemblies during which the candidates had an opportunity to present their platforms to the student electorate.

Candidates for Mayor and Kensington Coordinator made speeches while those vying for the office of executive secretary and comptroller were quizzed about their platforms.

The candidates for mayor were Brad Bernstein, Candy Falk, and Bruce Levine. Andy Mendes opposed Howie Roitman for comptroller. Phyllis Eagle and Judy Nathan ran for executive secretary, while Rachel Lampert and Bob Shreefter were in the race for Kensington coordinator.

Lynn Brothers, Seth Mankes, and Cheryl Orvis ran for sixth term president, while Robert Bramnik, Andrea Nordell, and Celia Urso were in the vice presidential race. The fourth termers had to choose between Kim Gill and Danny Wallen for president and Alice Capson and Phyllis Mufson for vice president.

Candidates for Mayor: Left to Right: Bruce Levine, Candy Falk, Bradley Bernstein

DANCERS WOW ASSEMBLIES

By JUDY MEYERSON

"Wreath Around The World" was the theme of the Dance Assembly Program which took place November 25, 1964 and December 2, 1964.

This enjoyable presentation consisted of nine dances representing various nations. The first dance performed was the French Can-Can. Following that was the Cacak from the Balkan countries, Hava Nagila from Israel, the Syncopated Clock from Switzerland, and the Krakowiak, a Polish dance.

The United States was represented by four dances, the first of which was a jazz number. After this portion of the program eight Midwood High School teachers participated in an American Square Dance. A solo interpretation of Porgy and Bess was also part of the program; twenty one girls presented a dance to the popular tune Alley Cat.

The teachers who took part in the Square Dance were; Mrs. Wunder, Mrs. Friedman, Mrs. Drucker, Mrs. Raphael, Mr. Spieler, Mr. Schiff, Mr. Fried, and Mr. Cohen.

As a finale, Michele Bergman sang Grand Old Flag. The cast was seated around the Statue of Liberty, portrayed by Carol Jacobs.

Mrs. Feldman was the director of the program. Midge Zimmerman and Gerald Gutierrez were the pianists. The girls who wrote the material for the show were Karen Rothberg and Joan Lampert. Mamie Bentley, the narrator, was coached by Mrs. Sierles.

A total of fifty girls took part. Any girl who wished to be in the assembly program was able to participate.

Parties Honor Two Teachers

Mrs. Gertrude Simpson Altholz, the former chairman of the secretarial studies department, has retired after forty-five years of dedicated service. During her teaching career, she served as assistant to her late husband, Mr. Nathaniel Altholz, who was the director of commercial education of the City of New York.

A party, given in her honor, will be held at Patricia Murphy's Candlelight Restaurant located in Manhattan at East Forty Ninth Street, on Saturday, December 19.

The guest speakers for Mrs. Altholz's luncheon will be: Dr. Bernstein, the Principal of Midwood, Dr. Joseph Gruber, the present director of commercial education, and Mr. Conrad Saphier, the director in the vocational educational department at Brooklyn College.

Mr. Taplitz, a member of Midwood's biology department, has also retired this term after thirty years of outstanding service.

A party given in his honor was held on Saturday, November 21, at Sears Restaurant located on Church Avenue in Brooklyn.

Mr. Irving Reich, the chairman of the biology department, acted as master of ceremonies. The guest speakers were: Dr. Bernstein, Mr. Dobren, Mr. Shiff, Mr. Hershkowitz, who was the former chairman of the biology department at Midwood High School, and Mrs. Crasnopal, a former pupil of Mr. Taplitz. Mrs. Tillis proposed an original toast in poetic form to the guest of honor.

City Roundup . . . . .

Home Economics Class 25, the advanced foods course given by the home economics department, served a buffet Thanksgiving dinner for parents and teachers of class members on November 24. The dinner was the traditional Thanksgiving meal consisting of roast turkey with giblet gravy, chestnut stuffing, apricot sweet potatoes, savory Brussel sprouts, fresh cranberry jelly, and pumpkin, apple, and minced meat pie for dessert.

This dinner is an annual event at Midwood and is part of the advanced foods class unit in hospitality. The event was highly successful, with Dr. Bernstein, in addition to many parents and teachers, commenting on the excellent quality of the food that was served. For the parents of the class members, this was the first time that they had been invited to an affair of this type at Midwood, and they were greatly impressed. Miss Tashjian, the teacher of this course, had been looking forward to this opportunity to demonstrate the skills that her students have learned. In addition to being shown how to prepare food, they have also learned to express creativity and co-operation in this area.

For the past two years, the Board of Estimate and the Student Council of the City of Midwood have been busy revising the partially outdated constitution. This tremendous job, which was started by the David Schapps Constitutional Revision Committee, is being continued under the leadership of Richard Liroff, a senior at Midwood.

In order for these new revisions to become laws, they must be proposed by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Estimate and the Student Council, and then ratified by two-thirds of the voting student body.

The new Constitution will be presented to the student body either on December 17, the day of the major city elections, or in a special election at a later date.

The Entertainment Commission recently went to the Ingersoll Nursing Home to cheer up the patients. For a good part of the afternoon, these talented Midwoodites sang, danced and played the guitar to the delight of the audience. Things went so well that the Entertainment Commission was asked to return at a later date. According to commissioner, Marsha Hernish, "We enjoyed ourselves immensely and the thought of bringing cheer into the lives of elderly people gave us warm satisfaction."

To become a member of this commission, each applicant must audition. Although admission is closed for this term, talented Midwood students are invited to try to join this worthwhile group next term. Meetings are usually held during long homeroom periods on Wednesdays.

The Sing Booklet Commission is currently selling ads to finance the publication of the Sing Booklet. This very worthwhile souvenir of the school's annual performance contains photographs, credits, and some of the actual songs used in the four productions.

Advertisements may be purchased from Sing Booklet Commissioners Mimi Bender and Arthur Misita in B71 during period 8. A full page ad costs $30.00, one-half page, $18.00, one-quarter page, $10.00, one-eighth page, $5.00, a complimentary advertisement, $3.00, and one line, $2.00. The proceeds from the sale of the sing booklet go to the City of Midwood and the Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Notes from Kensington

By ROVENA SHRECK

The fall term thus far has been a very fruitful one for the present Kensingtonites. A unification of all events has been successfully achieved.

Toby Horn, Kensington Coordinator, has been working with the ninth year officers to enable the students to gain as much as possible from their year at the annex.

The present officers are: Co-Presidents George Czutrin and Geoffrey Gillison; Vice President Mildred Richards; Council President Fred Misita, and Council Secretary Meina Brostoff.

Funds have been granted to the Annex by the Board of Education to hire teachers to tutor small groups of students in most freshman subjects, three afternoons a week. Some Arista and Archon students have also volunteered their services to those students who request them.

In reference to the Kensingtonites, Toby said, "The kids have found that student government can work, as has been shown by their response to the call for commission members, their participation in Sing, and by their use of the suggestion box." The Kensington Choraliers appeared at the December 11 concert, under the direction of Mr. Lirtzman. In former years, the only appearance made by the Choraliers each year was at the spring festival. This change of policy can be attributed to the devoted work of both officers and students.

On Friday, December 18, the Ticket Sales and Recreation Commission sponsored a dance for Kensington students, to enable them to get better acquainted with their school and with one another.

The Ambassadorial Commission is setting up a council of representatives of the ninth grades of various schools to discuss student government and extracurricular activities available in their schools for all students who wish to participate.

Elizabeth Huesca represented the Annex at the Andover Conference for the Junior Red Cross. She spoke to the assembly December 3, about ideas she had received from the convention and how they could be applied to our school.

The work of the Kensington students has been extremely noteworthy this term, and as Toby said, "When I was at the annex, I marveled at the hard work that the Kensington Coordinators have done to accomplish almost impossible aims. I find that my aims are just as high. Although all the hard work is still prevalent it is a wonderful experience."

We Regret . . .

Midwood was deeply grieved when it received the news of the deaths of two of its alumni, Barry Greenman and Jimmy Newell.

Barry Greenman, who was graduated Magna Cum Laude with the class of '59, died on October 27. While at Midwood, Barry served on the Rifle Team and was an excellent promarksman, marksman, 1st class, and sharpshooter. A member of both the Swimming Team and Chorus, he was also an Honor Card holder in math, Spanish, and music. He won a Regents Science Scholarship and was a National Merit Finalist, for which he was awarded a certificate. He received his B.S. Degree from U.C.L.A. in 1963. Barry was an exceptional boy with varied talents and interests, and outstanding ability.

Jimmy Newell was also an outstanding Midwood student. A graduate of the class of '59, he won a scholarship from Yale, but turned it down to attend Annapolis, his father's alma-mater. While at Midwood, he was a member of the intramural basketball, math, and cross-country teams. He also took first place in the Four Year French Contest sponsored by the American Association of Teachers. Jimmy had just received his wings when he was killed in an automobile accident near Corpus Christi, Texas.

The faculty and student body of Midwood join together to offer their deepest sympathy and condolences to Mr. and Mrs. Greenman, as well as to Captain and Mrs. Newell. The staff of The Midwood Argus also notes with regret the following deaths:

Mrs. Ann O'Brien of the English Department recently lost her sister, Elizabeth Mahon.

Joseph Antin, the father of Mrs. Pearl Roberts of the science department also passed away.

Mrs. Ross of the guidance department is deeply grieved over the loss of her mother, Mrs. Anna Frey.

Sincerest sympathy is extended to the members of the bereaved families.

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SCIENCE LABORATORIES TO OPEN THIS FEBRUARY

By KAREN ROTHMAN

Chemistry and physics laboratories will be made available to assist the students who are members of the advanced placement science programs. The laboratories are now in the process of being built and will be ready for use this February.

These laboratories have been designed to accommodate a small number of students at each session, so they may devote more time to individual work. Opportunities to pursue research, to investigate various aspects of science, and to solve many types of problems will be created. Students will gain an extensive knowledge of their subject area so that they may be able to score highly on the advanced placement examination given to all students completing one phase of either chemistry or physics in high school. In addition, they will be able to satisfy their curiosity and incentive by experimenting with the various types of instruments and apparatus furnished. One such device enables the individual to determine the weight of a single electron. The laboratories will also be supplied with new types of faucets and portable fumilhoods which are designed to remove gaseous odors. Spacious shelves and drying racks will be at each student's disposal. To prevent accidents, a number of safety devices will be installed. Funds for the laboratories have been donated by the National Defense Education Act, which provides aid for the construction of school laboratories and their equipment.

Students will be scheduled to meet four periods a week in their respective laboratories. The advanced physics and chemistry laboratories occupy rooms 273 and B75.

SING BEGINS TO SWING AS PREMIERE APPROACHES

By STEVE KUSSIN

As the holidays go by, and the days grow colder, an air of excitement grasps the school, as the sounds of Midwood

Senior Sing Rehearsal

SING echo throughout the school. In accordance with tradition, SING will be held during the Washington holiday weekend, February 19, 20, 21.

Mr. Marvin Rosenberg and Mr. Harris Sarney are the co-supervisors of SING. In an interview, ARGUS questioned Mr. Sarney about "how things were going" during these first hectic weeks of preparation for this traditional event, and learned, "The beginning weeks of rehearsals never run smoothly. Each class experiences similar difficulties in bringing an idea into reality that can contend for first place. So far everything is going according to schedule."

As the days fly by, scripts are being finished, songs are being written, parts are being cast, and scenery is being staged. This year, the freshmen will present a historical panorama of man, pointing out how history repeats itself. While the frosh explore history, the sophomores will be taking a "practical" look at an old problem: the woman's place in our world. What will happen when a woman runs for president of the United States? On the other hand, the junior theme will present a bitter rivalry between two next-door neighbors and will show what happens when "competition gets out of hand." The seniors will examine a perplexing, but colorful dilemma; the school is suddenly faced with the replacement of common traditions by a gypsy way of life, and the possibility of "fate" ruling everything.

Since 1948, SING has been a part of the traditional interclass competition at Midwood. The winning SING is chosen on the basis of the originality and ingenuity of the theme, and the way in which this theme is developed according to the appropriateness and taste employed in song, script, and final presentation.

The students and faculty alike have always felt that the greatest benefits are achieved from the hard work that goes into planning the finished product, Midwood SING.

Forum Discusses Current Affairs

By PETER ZUCKER

The Social Studies Forum, under the leadership of senior Stephen Warren and faculty advisor Mr. Leventhal, meets weekly to discuss current problems in the news.

Before the national elections in November, members of the forum discussed the issues of the presidential and local campaigns and the views of the candidates. The forum also succeeded in getting representatives from Johnson and Goldwater headquarters to come to Midwood to speak in the auditorium. After each representative had presented a statement concerning his party's position in the elections, students were given the opportunity to question these two speakers. Another of the forum's topics for discussion has been the role of the United States in Vietnam.

As stated by forum president Stephen Warren, the purpose of the forum is "to enable students to express their opinions on matters of national and international importance and to learn and benefit from the views of others. It gives students interested in current affairs the opportunity to discuss issues which they are often unable to cover in their social studies classes."

There are many topics which the forum may possibly discuss at future meetings. These include the uses of outer space, the control of atomic energy, and the growth rate in underdeveloped areas. However, since we are living in a dynamic world, there are many problems which can suddenly become of international concern. These suddenly arising problems are appropriate topics for forum discussions.

The forum hopes to have speakers at future meetings who are authorities on certain current issues. After a lecture by the speaker the forum members will have the opportunity to question him on his views and present their own opinions. A trip by forum members to a court to see a trial in progress is also being planned for a future date. Students interested in the social sciences are welcome to come to the forum meetings and join in the discussions.

Alumni Conferences Dec. 23

By RHONA RESSLER

Mrs. Betty Conn, President of the Midwood Alumni Association, and Mrs. Gladys Bernstein, a teacher of social studies and English, hope to greet the returning alumni on Dec. 23. Mrs. Conn is celebrating the twentieth anniversary of her presidency.

Midwoodites will have an opportunity to ask the former students about their experiences in college. Future college candidates are urged to attend this conference if they have any questions about scholastic programming and standards, campus life, employment possibilities, environment and special activities at the represented colleges.

Because of little interest on the part of Midwood students and the alumni, these conferences have previously been unsuccessful. Steven Kussin, College Commissioner, expressed his views and proposed a solution: "In the past, such discussions have had their drawbacks for one of two reasons; either the student turnout was poor, or we weren't able to have the leading colleges represented at the discussion. We hope to eliminate these problems this year, by an all-out publicity campaign to urge students to attend, and by sending letters to the alumni a long time before the actual conference."

Paula Lippsett, Senior Deputy of the College Commission, has sent out letters to the graduates of 1964. Her aim is to find out their opinion of Midwood and to secure information about the colleges they attend. The replies will be posted on the bulletin board outside the college office, as a guide to juniors who are still deciding which school to apply to. As a dedicated worker on the staff, she stated, "The College Commission of Midwood High School seeks to act as liaison between the student body and various colleges. We disseminate all information we obtain from the colleges and solve, to the best of our ability, any problems the students may have."

MATH TEAM VIES FOR TOP HONORS

By MARC SILVERMAN

Midwood's Math Team is now competing for top city honors. Instructed by Mr. A. Shapiro, a teacher of calculus and advanced algebra at Midwood, the Math Team meets the seventh period every day. At each session, Mr. Shapiro gives the members mathematical problems to solve. When the problems are completed, the entire team discusses them.

The starting team consists of Benjamin Orlove, the captain, Ronald Sverdlove, Eric Weitzner, Carl Lazarus, and David Cane.

The participating entries meet on the same day, but at different schools, usually in pairs. The problems are given out in three sets of two problems each. The teams then have ten minutes to answer the two problems. One point is awarded for each correct answer. If a student has a different response than the proctor, he may write a note to him justifying his reasoning. Points are also awarded in this manner. Thirty points are the most one team can get at any meet.

At the end of three meets, Midwood and Stuyvesant are battling for first place honors. The score is 49-46 in favor of Stuyvesant.

Midwood has three students in the top ten scoring column, Benjamin Orlove, Ronald Sverdlove, and Eric Weitzner. The fifth and last meet of the competition was held on December 18. Here, the city champion was determined. Unfortunately the Argus went to press too early to report the results.

EDITORS AT CONFERENCE SWAP IDEAS

By JOAN McGOVERN

The New York City High School Press Council held its second meeting of the term in the tenth floor lounge of the Overseas Press Club Friday, November 20. Delegates from more than forty schools in the New York area were present at the Club, which is located at West 40 Street in Manhattan.

Richard Borenstein, President of the Council, announced that a news writing contest would be held and that the deadline for entries was January 5. He then introduced the Swap Shop, a feature of the club which lets the delegates discuss the problems which they have encountered on their respective school papers. The other delegates offered suggestions, based on the solutions they had found for the same problems.

The guest speaker at the meeting, Walter Carlson, who is a staff reporter of **The New York Times,** spoke of his earlier years in journalism. He worked first as a copy boy, and later he wrote late night newscasts for the **Times** radio station, WQXR.

Mr. Carlson gave some very sound advice to the council members. Speaking from experience, he warned them always to remember that, "A man's reputation and his business can hang on what you write." Reminding the reporters to be accurate he said, "When in doubt, reroute."

EDITORIAL . . . . . .

The Student Government of Midwood High School, since its inception, has patterned itself after the democratic system of the United States. If this parallelism does exist, then Midwood too should assure the civil liberties guaranteed in the Bill of Rights of the Constitution. Much to our regret, the present administration seems to be making alterations in the Constitution to coincide with its individual needs.

It is a known fact that the City of Midwood has a deficit, and is presently cutting corners very sharply in an attempt to economize. This is all fine, but when this economizing reaches a point where it threatens the freedoms promised in the Bill of Rights, something is definitely wrong! The Student Government is now ordering that the **Argus** be distributed to only students belonging to the G.O. The City of Midwood supports this order by quoting that "the money saved by the reduction of the number of Arguses printed will be enough to add two additional pages to the paper." However, the money saved will only be the cost of the extra paper involved, since the type has been already set. That saving is approximately one-twentieth of the money needed to increase our size. Furthermore, since when is it recorded in the Constitution that an independent newspaper can be legislated by the governing body? If this is the case, then the supposed democracy at Midwood has been transformed into a dictatorship.

An even greater indication of the dwindling democratic procedures being exhibited in the Student Government is the fact that the order of limiting Argus distribution was a sanction that was proposed, discussed, voted upon, and made into law without an Argus representative even being present to defend our case. In a democratic state, when a question arises, a discussion of the issues concerned takes place, at which time both sides involved have an equal opportunity to present their individual pros and cons on the subject. Since this is the procedure written down in the Constitution, why then, if this is a supposedly democratic system, was an **Argus** representative not present?

On December 2, the **Argus** was summoned to attend a Board of Estimate Meeting, at which time petty cash expenses of the **Argus** were discussed. Isn't it ironic that when so trivial a matter as petty cash is discussed the **Argus** representative is remembered; but when a major issue, like **Argus** distribution is debated, the representative is forgotten?

In conclusion, we object to the expedient manner in which this bill was passed, and refuse to sanction it unless a new hearing is called, where **Argus** representatives are present to voice their opinions and explain their arguments.

By JEFF SOFFER

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the editor of the Midwood Argus:

An editorial, in the Nov. 24 issue of the Argus repeated a perennial complaint: that colleges put too much weight on the Scholastic Aptitude Tests. It is ironic that Midwood students, the very ones helped by these tests, should criticize them so severely. Let me give an example of how Midwood students derive an advantage. At Broken Kettle High School in Wyoming there is one student who does any studying (he does one hour per night), being vastly superior to the rest of the student body. At the end of four years, his average stands at 99.9%. Now at Midwood, a school at which standards are higher, education better, and competition keener, a student who does four hours of studying a night gets a 91% average. Who then deserves to get into Harvard—he with the 99% average or he with the 91%? The only way in which the Midwood student can prove his superiority is through some sort of uniform objective test, i.e., the S.A.T.'s.

We should also remember that the C.E.E.B. is continually trying to improve their tests and that colleges are now in the process of making studies to determine the value of the S.A.T.'s; although far from perfect the tests do perform an indispensable function.

Ken Boyer (303a)
Junior College Commissioner

To the editor of the Midwood Argus:

In the Bill of Rights of the Constitution of the United States, it is stated that there shall be freedom of the press. Midwood prides itself on democratic policies, having a constitution patterned after that of the United States, yet the City of Midwood does not adhere to its principles. Recently the Board of Estimates passed a law concerning the distribution of the **Argus** when no **Argus** representative was present to voice our disagreement to this bill. Is this democracy?

Cathy Wolfert 267A

MAYOR'S DESK

Civic responsibility in Midwood High School has been dismissed by twenty percent of the student body with the remark "Why should I join the G.O.? What does it do for me?" Fortunately the events of the past few weeks provide an answer for our doubting citizens; Midwood has become a school of champions.

The divisional victories of the Cross Country and Swimming Teams, followed by the Football Team's second consecutive undefeated season and the present first place status of the Bowling and Math Teams give us the right to this title. Undoubtedly every Midwood student is proud of these, and all of our athletes. Yet, at the same time, few of us realize the importance of the City of Midwood in supporting these teams. How many students realize the importance of G.O. taxes in paying for this difference between athletic revenues and athletic expenses? Logically, anyone who is proud of the achievements of our teams will pay seventy-five cents in support of them.

But what about our non-athletes? Student government provides a vast opportunity for people who are unable or disinclined to distinguish themselves on the ballfield. Self-fulfillment can be achieved by work in a hospital as well as by scoring a basket, and the glory of winning an election is equal to that of running for a touchdown. There is still time left for all you glory seekers, or for any student simply interested in the democracy and activities of Midwood High School to join the G.O. The G.O. Comptroller will be glad to accept the money.

By MATTY MAYER

Principal's Message

Dear Boys and Girls:

We are equally proud of every outstanding accomplishment both by individual students and by groups. We therefore congratulate with equal emphasis pupils who achieve distinction in the various scholastic, artistic, service, leadership, and athletic programs sponsored by our school.

At this time, however, it is appropriate to extend **special** congratulations to the boys who are members of our championship football team. The skill, courage, teamwork and perseverance of these students gave us the most successful season in our history. About this team we can truly say that it contributed mightily to the pride we feel in our school and to the reputation for effective performance in many fields, which, throughout the years, Midwood has established far and wide.

Of course, this tremendous result could not have been achieved without the outstanding and devoted work of our coaches, Mr. William Eisenberg, Mr. Dolph Mascari and Mr. Norman Kaufman. To them, the entire school owes a debt of deep gratitude.

Without implying that one sport or activity is more important than another, it is nevertheless in place to say that the brilliant and thrilling performance of the team of 1964 will certainly contribute to enhance school spirit and loyalty. And so, again, I hope I speak for all of you when I extend to the members of this team and to their coaches a special "congratulations and thank you".

Sincerely yours,
J. L. Bernstein,
Principal

MID-HIGHS

Jane Wechsler

Kids Reveal Resolutions

We have once again approached the season when the mercury drops and snow falls. December is in progress, but January is sneaking around a lonely corner. Soon, Father Time will push the hands of the clock to 1965.

We cannot foretell the fortunes and adventures this New Year holds, but some Midwoodites have decided what they'd like to do this year. These are their New Year's Resolutions:

"I resolve to give up surfing while it's snowing out."
John Brennan 451A

"I resolve to stop thinking and get smart."
Sue Egert

"I resolve to read the Argus next term."
Mark Bernstein 154A

"I resolve to be truthful with myself and not make any resolutions."
Marilyn Steinberg 479A

"I resolve to stop writing my name on desks."
Hinda Zweig 456A

"I resolve not to contract 'senioritis' this spring, in my junior year."
Nancy Thorner 251A

"I resolve to endure, with dignity and grace, the odor in the gym locker room."
Larissa Oryshkevich 419A

"I resolve not to read my English books the night before they're due."
Harri Rapp 315A

"I resolve to be independent."
Claudia Brandstein 213A

"I resolve not to stick my gum under the desks in English."
Elaine Weintraub 267S

"I resolve not to fall asleep during first period."
Susan Streit 404A

"I resolve to memorize 'Tomorrow, and tomorrow and tomorrow.'"
Stephie Sacks 404A

"I resolve not to read Cliff's Notes."
Sharon Ribak 219A

"We resolve to win Sing."
Michael Kuba
Karen Rosetti
Larry Pivnick
Rachel Lampert

By LYNNE WEISSBERGER

Degree in Clausing Needed To Portray Old Saint Nick

Once again there will be shin kicking, beard pulling, and agitation as the courageous graduates from the School of Santa Clausing resume their annual stand on busy street corners.

These devoted men occupy various sites, from November 27 through Christmas eve, complete with their bells and chimneys. The money collected in the chimneys buys a huge turkey dinner, given to approximately 3,000 homeless men on Thanksgiving and Christmas.

This year, various tactics are being used for increasing the revenue brought about by the "Santa escapade". One, is that chimneys are made with handles for easy carrying. Another is that many are made lower to attract even the shortest contributors.

Who would leave his job to portray Santa Claus on a windy street corner? The truth is, the majority of the men are recruited from the Bowery, being kept well fed while their jobs last.

Illustrating the embarrassment that goes along with this occupation, this reporter recalls an incident which occurred last year, where a ten-year-old walked over to a Santa Claus and cut his belt with a pair of scissors. Smiling, he gazed at the foam rubber pillow that had just fallen to his feet and said, "I'm not really Santa Claus, only his helper."

By CHARLENE DAVIS

Midmoods . . . .

SUE SCHWARTZ

New Year's Eve on December 28? Impossible! We've welcomed Baby New Year on December 31 since Julius Caesar established the calendar in 45 B.C.

But as progress must eventually overcome tradition, Pope Gregory XIII, in 1582, added January and February, shortening the months of the Julian Year. Thus evolved the calendar of today.

Although chock full of references to mythology and superstition, it remains awkward, outdated, and inconvenient. Don't try to defend it! Test it by answering these questions without hesitation: On which day of the week will your twenty-first birthday fall? Valentine's Day? On which date of the month will Thanksgiving fall in three years? Your 1965 Easter vacation end?

You have just proven the inefficiency of the Gregorian Year. Although you were "Sweet Sixteen" on a Saturday, you may be twenty-one on a Friday. If your parents were wed on Thanksgiving Day, November 28, their anniversary is not annually celebrated on the last Thursday of the month.

Think of the possibility of a thirteen month year, each month containing four weeks (twenty-eight days). The extra month, Solarius, would be centered between June and July, and each month would begin on a Monday. A one-day holiday, having no date on the calendar, would complete the 365 day cycle, and the extra day of Leap Year would fall in mid-Solarius.

This idea is not as remote as it may seem. Proposed by Walter Rothé, after ten years of research, this 'Universal Calendar' has been seriously considered by members of the Jewish faith, as well as the Ecumenical Council.

Its advantages in advanced planning are numerous. Wouldn't it be nice to have midterm and regents schedules on the same dates annually? To know that each year the Christmas vacation would include a mere six days of holiday? And that there would never be Friday the Thirteenth?

It also, however, demands a personal change from everyone: a new birthday. This can be determined by counting the days from January first to your birthday and dividing by twenty-eight. The quotient is the number of the month before your new birthday, and the remainder, the date. But how can one study the significance of July Fourth, when it falls on Solarius eighteen?

SAMMY DAVIS TRIUMPHS IN 'GOLDEN BOY' ROLE

Many new shows have appeared on the Broadway scene this season but only a glorious few have managed to survive through the hailstorm of critical abuse. One of these is "Golden Boy", and the reason for its success is Sammy Davis Jr.

—Life Magazine

Sammy Davis Jr. at 'Golden Boy' cast party.

As Joe Wellington in "Golden Boy", Mr. Davis portrays a Negro prizefighter on his way to becoming the lightweight champion of the world. On the ladder to success, he stumbles upon pretty white Lorna Moon (played by Paula Wayne) and falls deeply in love with her. However, Lorna is unable to face the consequences that would arise from their love. Her rebuttal leaves Joe a shattered and embittered man who still must face Lopez for the championship. His victory brings with it disastrous results.

Sammy Davis Jr. is the most widely acclaimed performer in show business today and justifiably so. He seems to live the part of Joe Wellington. One reason he is so convincing in the role is that there is a strong parallelism between their two lives. They both had to overcome the same handicap: being a Negro.

The plot differs somewhat from the original "Golden Boy" by Clifford Odets and seems to lack some of its potency and continuity. However, any lack in plot is compensated for by a terrific musical score and imaginative dance numbers.

One number, "Don't Foret 127th St.," combines glib lyrics and tuneful music with an exciting jazzed-up version of "the monkey." The highlight of the show is the climatic "fight scene" between Joe and Lopez who finally battle it out in the ring. Every movement has to be precision perfect so that they avoid actually hitting each other. The audience is carried away in its belief that a real fight is going on.

Any person who enjoys watching a truly talented performer cannot help but love Sammy Davis Jr. in "Golden Boy."

By CATHY WOLFERT

Our Town

New York City is everyone's delight in the winter. One needn't worry about spending his vacation studying, for there are many worthwhile amusements offered throughout the city.

For sports enthusiasts, New York offers skating rinks at Rockefeller Center, Prospect and Central Parks. Prices are reasonable and the ice is always inviting.

Skiers may now go to Van Cortlandt Park, in the Bronx. A new artificial process produces snow so that one is able to ski even if Nature disappoints.

Walking is as good a sport as any, and New York is very inviting on a brisk morning.

Spend a day in Greenwich Village, visiting the charming curio shops and looking at old houses, or window shopping along Fifth Avenue. The department stores are beautiful at this time of year, displaying all the dainties and goodies of the Yuletide season.

Concerts are numerous in Manhattan during the holiday season. "Brigadoon" will be at the City Center and, "The Nutcracker Suite" will make its home this year at the New York State Theater of Lincoln Center.

This season, Broadway is offering a diversified assortment of shows. New plays include "Bajour", "Victor Borge's Comedy in Music," and "Golden Boy." If you have not seen them, there are also "Funny Girl," and "Never Too Late," and "Mary Mary."

Movie theaters, too, are featuring an assortment of fine films, such as "Topkapi," and the Charlie Chaplan classics. Don't forget to use those Rugoff Theater discount tickets, too!

The museums are going to have some fine exhibits again this Christmas. The Guggenheim, for those with a taste for the modern, and the Metropolitan, for those who prefer classical art, are but two of many fine galleries in our city.

Of course, for all those sentimentalists, there is a must in their vacation; the enormous Christmas tree at Rockefeller Center. Dress warmly, and have fun!

By CAROLE POGREBIN

FREID REBUILDS HOOPSTERS; SHARPSHOOTERS AIM AT 4

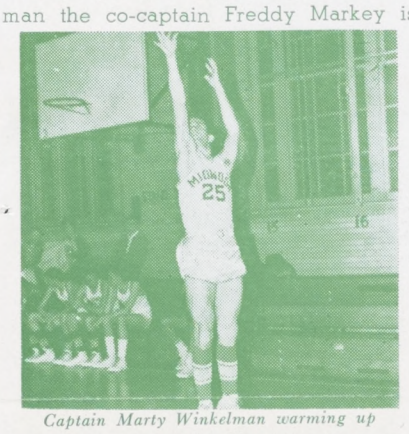
By JIM NOVICK

The time has come for Midwood to take off her victorious football cleats and put on a fresh new pair of basketball sneakers. The Middie five has started a new basketball season with hopes for a good record.

Four non-league games have already been played. November 13 marked the opening game for the shooters. At this home game against Fort Hamilton, the Middies had an unfortunate loss of 51-27. The following Tuesday a game held at Sheepshead marked another unfortunate loss for the team.

November 20 was another non-league warmup against Bayside. In this thrilling game, three year veteran captain Marty Winkelman, scored 19 points to be the highest scorer for Midwood so far this year. Our five opposed Lafayette November 25 to lose to a team we had beaten last year.

Besides six foot captain Marty Winkelman the co-captain Freddy Markey is



Captain Marty Winkelman warming up

second in scoring, averaging about nine points each game, to Marty's twelve. The third senior on the team is 6 foot-one Frank De Marco who is averaging seven points a game. These non-league games are just warmups and the team is making leaps and bounds with every game.

Weinstein Wins; Keglers Take 5!

By ALLAN BEYDA

Captained by veteran Dave Weinstein, the Midwood H.S. bowling team has high aspirations of capturing the division championship. Coached by Mr. Delaney, the team has been undefeated in all of its five meets.

The starters consist of Captain Dave Weinstein, Co-captain Steve Dansky, Howie Siegel, Bob Margolin, Alan Mark, Jay Yudwin, and Jerry Bloom. Neil Savin, Bob Dulberg, and Wayne Barron are substitutes.

Each meet consists of three games with four different starters in the first two games, and any four in the third. To win, a team has to take two out of the three games.

In their opener, against Wingate, the bowlers excelled as they won all the games. Madison followed and proved to be very tough competition but was nevertheless defeated. Madison won the first game, but lost the other two. Tilden was next to suffer a defeat from our bowlers who coped the two required games. In the Sheepshead meet, Dave Weinstein and Steve Dansky excelled by averaging over 200 in their respective games. The bowlers then faced Erasmus and in an easy meet won all three games.

By ALLAN BEYDA

Midwood's celebrated rifle team has gotten off to an excellent start by registering three impressive victories in its first five matches.

Led by Captain Andy Schoenbach, the team consists of Phil Sack, Tom Kellerhalse, and three fine sophomores, Bob Hopping, Eddie Brown, and Tom Wyatt. Rounding out the team are veterans Neil Hellman, Co-Captain Bob Krief, and Phil Schwartz.

The team faces a grinding schedule by competing in two matches a week in the toughest division in Brooklyn. In a match, under constant pressure, demanding extreme concentration, each man shoots twenty times, five times in each of four different positions. The positions are prone, sitting, kneeling, and standing. The maximum score is 200; anything over 170 is considered very good.

In their first match, the team demonstrated their fine marksmanship by upsetting Madison by a score of 820-803. Andy Schoenbach and Eddie Brown highlighted the match by shooting 182 and 174 respectively. The team then faced undefeated Lincoln and were edged out by the score 791-853. Against Ft. Hamilton and Alexander Hamilton, the team did very well and won by scores of 836-810 and 845-808 respectively.

It was against John Jay however that excellent scores were earned. Andy Schoenbach shot a fantastic 191 and sophomore Bob Hopping a great 181. John Jay fell 857-496. Brooklyn Tech, next on the schedule defeated our riflemen. Excellent shooting by Andy Schoenbach who scored 181, and Eddie Brown who scored 176, made it a very close meet. The final score being 834-844.

In the second round of the tournament, the riflemen expect to do even better and place in the championships.

Hornets Stampede Erasmus Team Faronjy Wins MVP of Annual Game

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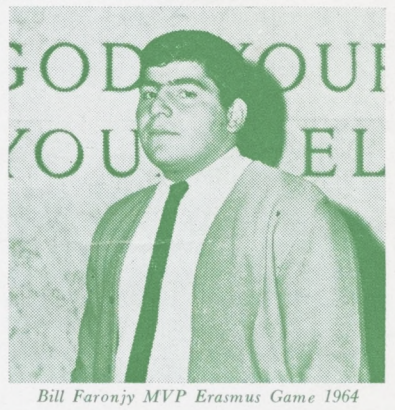
Bruce Ruppert has done an outstanding job at end, both as a receiver and a blocker. Though riddled with injuries throughout the season, end Roy Morrison has made his presence known both on offense and defense. The line was bolstered by the fine playing of veteran guards Dom Jordan and Manny Geronimos. End Paul Vinacour and tackle Charlie Wreshner have also aided the team.

This backfield has been one of Midwood's finest. Halfback Brent Kaufman wound up the season with 98 points, narrowly missing out on the top scoring honors in the city. Defensively he provided the Hornets with many valuable interceptions. Larry Getto proved to be one of Midwood's great quarterbacks and definitely its greatest middle linebacker. Getto exhibited such poise as befits a professional. Mike Ventura has been not only a fine runner but an excellent blocker. He plays his defensive cornerback postition perfectly. Marc Kahn has throughout the season delivered many key runs and has bolstered the Hornet defense. Junior Dennis Beckman developed into a fine halfback, making many contributions in the scoring and yardage departments. Credit must also be given to backs Bobby Martin, Bruce Levine, Steve Wolf and Myron Brown who have made many fine runs and have greatly contributed to the Middie arsenal.



Bill Faronjy MVP Erasmus Game 1964

Prior to the Erasmus contest, the Hornets had whipped the New Utrecht eleven by a score of 40-12. The Hornet scoring consisted of touchdowns scored by Larry Getto, Dennis Beckman, John Heggenbart, Brent Kaufman and Mike Ventura. Brent Kaufman and Marc Kahn ran for two P.A.T. conversions apiece. Larry Getto also ran for a P.A.T. conversion.

The greatest part of the credit must be given to Coaches Bill Eisenberg, Dolph Mascari and Noman Kaufman. It is due to their excellent coaching and guidance that Midwood has turned out and will continue to turn out such fine football teams.

Kickoff

HOWIE COHEN

After the Erasmus game on Thanksgiving Day, the Blue Hornets of Midwood officially owned their second City Championship Crown. Credit has to be given equally to the whole team, which worked as a unit throughout the season. Special notice must be given to Mike Bloom, Larry Getto, and Brent Kaufman who had the honor of being named to the All-City team.

In 1965, much of the unit will have graduated which leaves the question; where are the replacements? The answer is obviously the second and third strings and also the junior varsity, better known as the Little Hornets. They may be little but these Hornets pack plenty of sting. Coached by Mr. Norman Kaufman, the freshmen-stocked team showed signs of future brilliance as they gained experience with each game. Their overall record for the season was not too impressive, but even the Yankees don't do too well in spring training, which is what the junior varsity is to these first-string bound Middies.

The starting line-up finds Michael Spilberg at left end, Owen Dratler at left tackle, Steve Gercik at left guard, Oscar Saffold at center, Allen Friedman at right guard, Dom Harvey at right tackle, and Richie Weissman at right end. In the backfield, we meet Richie Thomas and Ernest Dixon at the left and right halfback positions, and co-captains Paul Greene and Jay Blumenkoph at the fullback and quarterback positions respectively. Gary Grady is the team's third co-captain. During the season Richie Thomas and Paul Greene scored two touchdowns apiece. Thomas also crashed over the goal line for a pair of two-point conversions. The Little Hornets gained valuable varsity experience when they scrimmaged the third-string on two occasions. Injuries prevented Bert Medoff and Lester Nugget from increasing the team's capacity.

Backing up the starting eleven are Antonio Johnson, Richard Gottlieb, Craig Eisenberg, Israel Charo, James Davis, Murray Rozenel, Marc Linit, Dom Pensabene, Mike Caburis, James Almo, Ray McLean, Charles Wright, Fred Gersten, Morris Sultan, Alan Forman, Frank Frumano, Alan Kahn, Harvey Kahn and Michael Darden.

MERMEN SWAMP DIVISION NARROWLY LOSE TO TECH

By HOWIE SIROTA

A gallant Midwood Swimming Team suffered its only defeat of the season in a thrilling meet against Brooklyn Tech. The Aquamen had previously compiled an unblemished record of 7-0, swarming over every team that opposed them. Their victories included trouncing Sheepshead Bay and John Jay, 72-23 and 74-21 respectively. Erasmus also fell to a 65-30 defeat. Midwood breezed past New Utrecht by an impressive score of 77-18. Madison, last year's division champs, also fell prey to an unrelenting Midwood effort and lost by a score of 62-33. By defeating Madison, the Midwood swimmers practically clinched the division championship that narrowly escaped them the previous year, also in a close meet with Madison.

The newly crowned division champs earned the right to compete against Brooklyn Tech, in a meet that would decide the borough champs. The meet turned out to be a seesaw battle. Tech jumped to an early lead by overcoming our medley relay consisting of Wolfson, Glassman, Ross, and Rosenberg. In an exciting race, Schwartz swam the 200 yard freestyle in the remarkable time of 2:07, but had to settle for a tie. Capt. Gaiti won his 50 yd. freestyle event with Rubel a close second, and then went on to capture the 100 yd. freestyle with Jamgoshian placing second. Bascone was awarded a first place in the diving competition. Bluver, Wolfson, and Glassman all contributed needed points by winning second places in their events. Capt. "Chips" Triolo swam a fine race in the 200 yd. individual medley and just missed placing first. Schwartz also came through with a second in the 400 yd. freestyle in another close race. The last event, the 200 yd. freestyle proved to be the deciding factor in the meet. The Midwood relay consisting of Jamgoshian, Rosenberg, Virginia, and Rubel had to take a first place to win the meet by one point, and the borough crown. However, some bad breaks kept the team from winning, the final score was 54-41 in favor of Tech.